

Gag Woman, Get \$50,000 In Jewelry

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vants Locked in Closets

\$400,000 Necklace Gone; Victim Hurt

Her Ankles Sprained and
Chivalrous French Bandit
Ministers to Wounds

Jewelry and furs, said to be worth half a million dollars, were the loot of burglars who lay in wait for Mrs. Charlotte King Palmer as she entered the bedroom of her home, 59 East Ninetieth Street, early Tuesday morning and who gagged, bound, blindfolded and kept her prisoner for more than six hours while they ransacked the house. Mrs. Palmer's account of the robbery, as told by her to the police, who visited her bedside yesterday, leaves the whole matter a complete mystery. Efforts of those who heard her story to obtain any clue to the identity of the three robbers have fallen flat thus far.

The intruders entered the house before 9 o'clock Monday night, at which hour they overpowered Mrs. Palmer's maid and butler, trussed and gagged them and locked them in closets.

Although the robbery was reported to the police at 11:15 Tuesday morning, it was not made public until noon yesterday.

Mrs. Palmer is a former show girl and the divorced wife of James C. Harsh Jr., clubman and lawyer, of 24 West Fifty-ninth Street. The police and the Thomas J. Corrigan Detective Agency, which is investigating the robbery for the burglary insurance underwriters, are mystified over the manner in which the thieves gained access to the house, a three-story brownstone structure. None of the window locks had been disturbed.

Description of Bandits Meager

Mrs. Palmer's description of the robbers is meager, for she caught only a glimpse of them in the dim light before a silk muffler was tied over her eyes. The best clue she was able to give was the fact that one of the three spoke with a French accent.

The chivalrous Frenchman, by the way, lent a touch of romance to the crime by the solitude he exhibited for his victim's comfort, spraying her throat with the gag chafed, and, effectively objecting when his confederates suggested "hitting her on the head for luck."

According to the police, Mrs. Palmer left her home about 6 o'clock Monday evening and went to the home of Mrs. Sidney Drew, the motion picture actress. Mrs. Palmer, Mrs. Drew and Mr. Ulrich went to dinner and to the theater.

Maid and Butler Gagged

At 9 the electric bell which Mrs. Palmer uses to summon her servants from their quarters in the basement rang. Two rings signifies that Alfredo Saponone, the Filipino cook and butler, wanted, while a single bell called Margaret Greewan, the maid. This time there were two rings, followed by the Sanzone started first. At 9:15 the three men leading from the basement their stairs grabbed him, moved a gag in his mouth and threw him under the staircase. When Mrs. Palmer appeared she, too, was seized, her hands were blindfolded and she was taken upstairs to the second floor, where each was gagged and bound. Mrs. Palmer said that she was gagged with a dark soft hat, drawn low over her eyes.

Hidden Behind Portieres

About 1 a. m. Tuesday Mrs. Palmer and Ulrich reached the house in a taxi, leaving left Mrs. Drew at her home. Mrs. Palmer bade Ulrich good night, entered the front door and walked up to the second floor, where the bedroom is located. As she crossed the threshold she started to remove her wraps three men glided from behind the portieres. All she observed in her flight, Mrs. Palmer says, is that each of the three had a closely cropped black mustache and wore a dark soft hat, drawn low over her eyes.

We Want Your Jewelry

"We want your jewelry," one of them shouted, and made a thrust for the \$400,000 necklace she was wearing and which, Mrs. Palmer says, is worth \$400,000.

Leaps to Floor Below

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U. S. Marine Officer Killed 3 Haytian Captives, Says Witness

Lieutenant, Now Retired, Called Men Out, Shot Each in Back, Native Testifies; Two Other Murders Charged at Inquiry

By Wilbur Forrest
Special Cable to The Tribune
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PORT-AU-PRINCE, Hayti, Nov. 17.—Adolph Bourgot, a native Haytian, today testified before the United States naval board of inquiry which is investigating the conduct of the Marine Corps in Hayti that he saw Lieutenant Freeman Lang, of the gendarmerie, kill three native prisoners at Hinche in 1917. This is the most serious charge brought against any individual during the hearing.

The witness said a skirmish had just occurred in which the attacking Cacos were repulsed. Immediately afterward Lang called out the three men, singly, from the prison, and shot each of them in the back, the witness testified. Lang, who is from Los Angeles and is not now connected with the Marine Corps, is in business in Hinche. He was in court when the witness testified and was granted the right to defend himself with counsel. Bourgot will be cross-examined tomorrow.

Harris Lifschitz, an American citizen of Russian extraction, testified that he was an eyewitness to the killing of two natives by a gendarmerie lieutenant in the interior of the country. He said one of the natives was killed deliberately and the other was slain when a crowd at an election booth was fired upon.

Colonel I. M. Little, field commander, testified that rumors of trouble were much magnified in the country. It is believed that the board of inquiry will complete its hearings within a fortnight.

Capital Thinks Root Sure to Succeed Colby

Proposed Conference with
Harding in Marion Taken
To Indicate Selection Tac-
itly Has Been Agreed On

Lodge To Be Consulted
Opponents of Treaty Pre-
fer Massachusetts Man
for State Department

WASHINGTON, Nov. 17.—Senator Harding has extended an invitation to Elihu Root to go to Marion on December 10 to confer with the President-elect on questions of foreign policy. The fact that this invitation has been sent to Mr. Root is taken by Washington observers as another evidence that Mr. Root will be offered and will accept, the post of Secretary of State.

Failure to obtain Mr. Root in the Harding Cabinet would be a public calamity, in the opinion of the man who was closest to Mr. Harding during the campaign and who advised with the President-elect constantly on questions involving the peace treaty and international relations generally.

A statement to this effect was made within the last few days by Mr. Harding's adviser, and there is excellent reason for thinking that he would never have made the statement—being an excellent politician in addition to his other qualifications—if he thought there was any doubt about Mr. Root's appointment.

It has been known here that Mr. Root has been reluctant to undertake the duties of the office again and that he personally would prefer to remain at home with his family rather than move to Washington for the next four years. But it is believed that he will agree to make the sacrifice for the sake of the party and of his country, despite his personal desires.

Office Seekers Persistent

Mr. Root's going to Marion early in December will enable the President-elect and Mr. Root to work out definitely their policies before Mr. Harding plunges into the hurly-burly of Washington. Even in the little town of Marion it is going to be difficult to protect Mr. Harding from the horde of office seekers and men in important places in the party who want their friends named to office. After Mr. Harding gets to Washington he will have very little time, it is feared, for the calm consideration of the country's problems until the first big batch of appointments is made.

This is one of the explanations of why sightseers who visit the Senate galleries during the short session of Congress will be disappointed if they hope to see the next President in his seat on Capitol Hill.

Mr. Harding also will confer at Marion with other Republican leaders on the future foreign policy of this government. It is expected that Senator Henry Cabot Lodge will pay an early visit to the little Ohio city. Senator Lodge, according to some of his close friends, wishes earnestly to remain in his present post as Republican leader of the Senate and chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee. He does not wish either to be Secretary of State or Ambassador of Great Britain.

Farmers' Union Votes To Hold Back Products 800,000 Tillers of 27 States Said To Be Enrolled in War for Higher Profits

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Nov. 17.—The Farmers' National Union, with representatives from twenty-seven states, went on record today in favor of withholding farm products from the market until "prices are restored to a profit-making level."

Charging market manipulators with responsibility for collapse in prices of farm products, the annual convention of the organization adopted a resolution asserting farmers had been "robbed" of \$1,000,000,000 in the reduction of values of products now on hand.

"We urge all farmers to withhold this year's production from the market until prices are restored to a profit-making level," the resolution read.

Constantine Awaits Call Of His People

Exiled King Says He Will
Not Return to Greece
Unless Plebiscite Gives
Verdict in His Favor

Compares Election
With U. S. Landslide
Defends Conduct in War
and Insists Wisdom of
His Policy Is Proved

By Ralph Courtney
Special Cable to The Tribune
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LUCERNE, Nov. 17.—Former King Constantine of Greece asserted today in an interview with the Tribune correspondent that he would not return to Greece until the people clearly demonstrated that they desired him to do so. He favors a plebiscite for this purpose, and wishes this arranged when the new Chamber, which is controlled by the Constantine party, meets. He desires only to return if unity can be secured thereby.

The King defended his course during the war and said that before Venizelos took power it was his policy to make it possible for Greece to intervene later with some show of success. He said that if he had intervened at the time it was demanded of him his country would have been overrun by the Germans and Bulgarians.

He asserted that if he returned to Greece it would not be his desire to make any change in the national policy. He believes that Greece should especially regard England as its future friend.

The King said it would take at least another month to arrange a plebiscite concerning his return. He hoped that America's democratic citizens would express such real appreciation of the Greek demonstration of popular will that France and England would be bound to respect the echo thereof coming from across the Atlantic.

The King followed the course of the Presidential campaign in America with much interest, and he said the Americans would appreciate the revolution of feeling against the personal rule of Venizelos which was demonstrated in the Greek elections.

Awaits Call of People

I asked the King what he intended to do, now that his party was in power in Greece.

"I shall do nothing," he replied. "As far as I know, I shall remain here for the present. I have always held to democratic principles and have no intention of returning to Greece until the people clearly demonstrate that they desire me to do so."

"I would like, when the new chamber assembles, to see a plebiscite taken of the whole country so that the people may declare clearly their will regarding my person. I left Greece rather than attempt resistance for the sake of my own position and to save the shedding of Greek blood. I preferred to leave the country. I desire to return only if unity can be secured."

"As for Venizelos, I have no desire to take any action against him or the others of the oligarchy which has been ruling my country."

"My particular hope is that, above all countries, America, which has just held its own elections, will appreciate what a revolution there must have been against the personal rule of Venizelos. I followed Senator Harding's campaign and election with great interest, and, if my information is correct, I think the Greeks in America voted almost unanimously for him. I have a great affection for America, because, though a King, I am a democrat, and I believe personal rule cannot be maintained nowadays."

Says He Was Misrepresented

"Please accept my statement, until all facts have become of general knowledge, that I have been very badly misrepresented, both regarding my sentiment toward the Allies and in other matters by those whose interests it was to make out a case against me."

"I am not going to enter the war on the side of the Allies at the time which I

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Second Midshipman Dismissed For Hazing on Scales's Report

WASHINGTON, Nov. 17.—Decision of the Navy Department to dismiss from the service a second midshipman for hazing at the Naval Academy was announced by Secretary Daniels tonight after a conference between the Secretary and Rear Admiral Scales, superintendent.

As in the case of the man already dismissed, Mr. Daniels said, "Admiral Scales recommended action in the second case after two acts of hazing had been established."

The Secretary said Admiral Scales was conducting his campaign against the new hazing epidemic in the assurance that the "department would support his earnest efforts to enforce the law against hazing."

As a preventive measure, he added, the superintendent had ordered the fourth class, who were entered in October into separate wings of Bancroft Hall and had "gone to the very root of the disease and is dealing justly and firmly with the situation."

The Issue between the authorities

at Annapolis and a number of midship-

Brindell Indicted, Gives Bail Of \$100,000; Ship Board Lost \$2,000,000,000 on Fleet Deals

Head of Building Trades
Council Takes Charges
of Attempted Extortion
as Nothing but a Joke

Three Counts All
In Fradus Case
Prosecutor Says Other
Actions Will Follow;
Backer Pleads Not Guilty

Robert P. Brindell, head of the Building Trades Council and reputed labor king of the building industry, was indicted by the additional grand jury yesterday on the charge of attempted extortion, growing out of the Lockwood committee's investigation of the housing situation. He was placed under \$100,000 bail. The bond was immediately furnished by a surety company and he was released. Under the Penal Code the crime is a felony, punishable by seven and a half years in prison.

The labor leader had been summoned to the Criminal Courts Building shortly after 2 p. m. by his counsel, Martin W. Littleton, who had been informed of the additional grand jury's action. Mr. Littleton immediately entered a plea of not guilty and asked for ten days' time to make whatever motion or change of plea he desired. After some argument Judge Mulqueen set the time limit for making motions on November 26.

More Indictments Promised

In the course of the argument over the bail Stanley Richter, Special Assistant District Attorney acting for the Lockwood committee, declared that this was only one of a series of charges that will be brought against Brindell and that the collective extortion accusations would aggregate \$1,000,000.

"We shall not only prove attempted extortion," said Richter, "but we will prove the consummated crime. Large sums are involved, some as high as \$25,000. We are informed that the defendant is a very wealthy man as a result of his experiences in New York during the last year and a half. We feel the bail asked for is very moderate."

Brindell Only Smiles

Brindell maintained a genial and smiling air throughout the entire proceedings and seemed to regard the matter very lightly. He chatted in a cheerful vein with reporters and took great pride in the fact that he was a hundred-thousand-dollar man.

"Who was the other \$100,000 man?" Nicky Arnsstein, wasn't it?" he queried with a laugh. "I was ready with only \$50,000, and here they go and double it. If they had only asked for 100,000 real men instead of 100,000 iron men," he complained with mock seriousness, "it would have been much easier."

Another Dig at Board

In the course of a message dictated over the telephone from his home at 2 East Fifty-fourth Street, explaining his inability to go on with today's hearing, he took another dig at the Board of Estimate inquiry, saying: "Was there ever anything so farcical and unpardonable in its extravagance as the latest so-called 'investigation'?"

After Mr. Undermyer's first attack

on the new inquiry, in which he termed it a "whitewashing operation," Mayor Hylan yesterday made public a letter he wrote in reply. He called Mr. Undermyer's note "the nearest collection of insincere expressions that has thus far been presented by you to me," said his tactics were vicious and unfair and admonished the lawyer to "keep in mind some idea of decency and fair play."

You know it, I know it," he added, "and

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George S. Backer, the millionaire

Gillen Would Make Senate Share Responsibility for Federal Boards

Martin J. Gillen, executive assistant to John Barton Payne and later to Admiral William S. Benson, successive heads of the Shipping Board, told the Congressional committee yesterday that much of the irregularity at the proceedings of the board was due to the caliber of men directing the organization, and that this could not be remedied until the Senate shared equally with the President in the responsibility of appointing such officials.

"I have told the President," said Mr. Gillen, "and I have told President-elect Harding that the administrative offices of the government, in addition to the Shipping Board, should be placed in the hands of men of administrative ability."

"It is the duty of the President to tell the Senate committee, which has the approval of the appointment, that the responsibility is theirs as much as his. Make the Senate take the full responsibility as much as it does in treaty making, and let the President not feel hurt when it acts in this manner. Not until then will we have efficient government in this country. And the Democrats are not any more responsible for this condition than the Republicans. Too many politicians get the big administrative jobs, and then sit back and let clerks do the work. Nor is that any more true of the Democrats than it is of the Republicans."

Palmer Bars Labor Unions Maximum Rate Will Drive Out On Coal Sales Radical Forces

Riley, After a Conference in
Washington, Says Dealers
Who Try to Regulate
Profit Will Be Prosecuted

Plan a Profiteer Hunt
City Firms Refuse Informa-
tion to Federal Agents;
Emergency Fuel Arrives

The Department of Justice will not sanction any maximum price or profit on the sale of anthracite coal. That statement was made yesterday by Armin W. Riley, head of the flying squadron, upon his return from a conference with Attorney General Palmer in Washington. The Wholesale Coal Trade Association has passed a resolution in which its members agreed "that the maximum gross margin of profit shall not exceed 10 per cent upon the price at the place of sale."

The present average profit is less than 5 per cent, according to Charles S. Allen, secretary of the association.

That was the outstanding feature in a day replete with extraordinary developments in connection with the serious coal situation. The others were:

At the conference in Washington the Department of Justice mapped out a comprehensive organized plan for the purpose of investigating and prosecuting every case of profiteering from the moment the coal is produced until it reaches the consumer. This system will also include investigation of charges of graft in coal transportation.

Emergency Coal Delivered

Burns Brothers and Madeira Hill & Co., two of the largest dealers in the city, refused to divulge information concerning their business to Department of Justice agents. They now are facing the possibility of having their books impounded by the Federal grand jury.

Several thousand tons of emergency anthracite coal for the needy were delivered at twenty-one stations throughout Manhattan and Brooklyn yesterday. Six dealers promised District Attorney Lewis of Brooklyn to sell coal in small lots at 80 cents a hundred pounds. Back Commissioner John N. Harman in that borough has arranged to use the city ice stations and the school yards as distributing stations.

Madira Hill & Co. refused to divulge their business on the advice of counsel, according to Mr. Riley. The latter said Percy C. Madeira, president of the company, was sitting in Philadelphia as a member of the anthracite operators' Fair Price Committee.

"They talk about cooperation," said Mr. Riley, "but when it comes down to brass tacks they refuse. I am going to seek a subpoena from the grand jury and try to have their books impounded."

Irish Prisoners Killed While Trying to Escape

Four of Six Men Shot Dead
by Soldiers; Belfast Women
Check Nationalist Rioters

WHITEGATE, County Clare, Ireland, Nov. 17.—Four of six men arrested last evening under the restoration act were shot dead this morning while trying to escape from their escort, according to an official report.

Real Beer Given Place In Milwaukee Museum

Dark and Light, with Plate of
Pretzels, To Be Preserved
In Glass Case

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